(a) the time by which the ordnance factory at Badmall in Bolangir district of Orissa is likely to be completed;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of this project; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure jobs to the local people in the aforesaid ordnance factory?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Phase I of the Project is scheduled/ anticipated to be completed by June 1993.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Direct recruitment at the level of Group C and Group D is made only through local Employment Exchange. All such vacancies are notified to the local District Employment Exchange. In some cases where candidates fulfilling job requirement are not available, the local Employment Exchange notifies the vacancies to the neighbouring district Employment Exchanges.

Utilisation of Installed Capacity of Ordnance Factories

*647. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:
SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is under utilisation of installed capacity of the ordnance factories in the country;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for full utilisation of their installed capacity;

(c) whether the Government have enlisted private entrepreneurs to use surplus production capacity available with many ordnance factories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The overall utilisation of capacity in the Ordnance Factories, over the year, in terms of available standard man-hours, was 99.70 per cent in 1990-91.

(b) to (d). The following steps have, already, been taken to ensure full utilisation of capacity:-

(i) Diversification into areas of manufacture of items required by Non-Defence Users, such as Railways, Central and State Police forces, Para-Military and Security Forces and even civil Trade (including private sector).

(ii) Exports.

The total value of works executed for such Non-Defence indenters in the year 1990-91 is Rs. 114/- crores (provisional).

[Translation]

Import Licences to Firms not Fulfilling Export Obligations

*648. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether import licences have been issued to some big firms which have not fulfilled their export obligations;

(b) if so, the names of such firms; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against such firms?